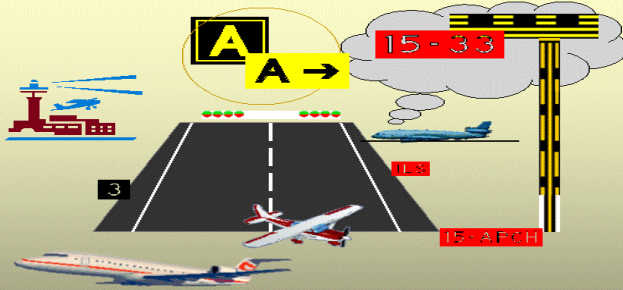




## AIRPORT CERTIFICATION INFORMATION BULLETIN



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Airports Division, AEA-620  
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**AEA-05-09**  
**April 20, 2009**

Bulletin: 2009-05  
Subject: Verification of Wildlife Biologist Qualifications  
Issue Date: April 20, 2009  
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**Contact:**  
Please contact your assigned Airport Certification Safety Inspector with further questions.

**Application:**  
This bulletin is being sent to Part 139 Airport Certificate holders.

**Background:**  
Due to recent and frequent wildlife strike activity airports may be required to conduct a Wildlife Hazard Site Visit, 1-year Wildlife Hazard Assessment or training by a USDA Wildlife Biologist or other qualified private company in accordance with 14 CFR Part 139.339.

The FAA's Wildlife Biologist in Washington DC is currently reviewing the credentials for Private Companies. Once the review is complete FAA intends to offer an **"FAA" Qualified List of Private Companies** authorized to provide services in the area wildlife management such as wildlife hazard site visit, training and conduct of wildlife hazard assessments. Please note to date Head Quarters has approved only one Private Company.

It is the responsibility of the certificate holder to ensure that any entity providing wildlife management services meets the qualifications of Wildlife Biologist as required by Advisory Circular 150/5200-36, Qualifications for Wildlife Biologist Conducting Wildlife Hazard Assessments and Training Curriculums for Airport Personnel Involved in Controlling Wildlife Hazards on Airport dated June 28, 2006.

This AC provides for the professional qualifications for a Wildlife Biologist conducting a Wildlife Hazard Site Visit, Wildlife Hazard Assessment and or Wildlife Hazard Management Training at FAA Certificated Airports, as follows.

Specifically, page 3, paragraph 5 of the AC provides the following:

*To meet the requirements of §139.337(c) and (f) (7), wildlife management biologist (from now on referred to as a “qualified airport wildlife biologist”) must:*

- a. Have the necessary academic coursework from accredited institutions and work experience to meet the qualifications of a GS-0486 series wildlife biologist as defined by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management classification standards (Appendix A); **or** be designated as a Certified Wildlife Biologist by The Wildlife Society (<http://www.wildlife.org>) **and**,*
- b. Have taken and passed an airport wildlife hazard management training course acceptable to the FAA Administrator (Appendix B) **and**,*
- c. While working under the direct supervision of a qualified airport wildlife biologist, have conducted at least one Wildlife Hazard Assessment acceptable to the FAA Administrator (as described in §139.337(c)). **and**,*
- d. Have successfully complete at least one of the following within the past 3 years:*
  - (1) An airport wildlife hazard management training course that is acceptable to the FAA Administrator (Appendix B) **or**,*
  - (2) Attendance, as a registered participant, at a joint Bird Strike Committee–USA/Bird Strike Committee–Canada annual meeting, **or**,*
  - (3) Other training acceptable to the FAA Administrator.*

*Persons wishing to conduct Wildlife Hazard Assessments or provide the requisite training should provide the Certificate Holder documentation verifying they meet the requirements outlined in 5 a – d above.*

**Action Required:** Please distribute to all Airport Operations staff. If your airport is interested in utilizing a private company please forward the credential information to:

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**Attachments: None**